

The present preliminary amendment is submitted to cancel the multiple dependencies in the original claims. Further, new dependent Claims 9-24 set forth the subject matter of the canceled multiple dependencies.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

--3. (Amended) The ceramic heater according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein said ceramic substrate comprises a nitride ceramic or a carbide ceramic.

4. (Amended) The ceramic heater according to [any of claims] claim 1 [to 3], wherein said insulating covering comprises oxide glass.

5. (Amended) The ceramic heater according to [any of claims] claim 1 [to 3], wherein said insulating covering comprises a heat resistant resin material.

7. (Amended) The ceramic heater according to [any of claims] claim 1 [to 6], wherein the opposite side to the side where said resistance heating element is formed is a heating surface.

8. (Amended) The ceramic heater according to [any of claims] claim 1 [to 7], wherein said insulating covering covers the resistance heating element comprising two or more circuits in a lump.--

Claims 9-24 (New).